

CITY OF WELLS.URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1948.

To the Urban District Sanitary Authority of The City of Wells.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health of the City during 1948.

GENERAL.

The area of the City is 1301.150 acres.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year resident population of Wells in 1948 was 6,030 (5,750).

The number of inhabited houses in the City at the end of 1948 was 1,713 (1,682).

The Rateable value at the end of 1948 was £45,021 (£45,346).

The sum represented by a penny rate at the end of 1948 was estimated at £182. 0 0. (£177. 10. 0).

BIRTH RATE.

The total live births in the City in 1948 was 81 (111) as follows:-

Legitimate: 81 (109). Males: 41 (53) Females: 40 (56).

The birth rate per thousand of the population was 13.4 (19.3).

There were 4 (3) still births during the year, all legitimate.

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were three deaths in the City of infants under one year, all legitimate.

EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

There was a small epidemic of measles in February and March, 29 cases being reported. Also two cases of scarlet fever, one of diphtheria, two of pneumonia and one of acute poliomyelitis.

There were no deaths from epidemic diseases.

(N.B. The figures in brackets are the corresponding figures for 1947).



TUBERCULOSIS.

At the beginning of the year the number of cases on my register was 29 as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
12	10	4	3	16	13

During the year six cases of pulmonary and two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

During the year 11 cases were removed from my register as follows:-

Left the District: 2
Died: 6
Cured: 3

So that at the end of the year the number of cases on my register was 26 as follows:-

<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
10	8	5	3	15	11

DEATH__RATE.

There were 61 (70) deaths in the City during 1948, 34 males and 27 females.

There were no deaths from Puerperal Sepis or other Puerperal causes.

There were 8 (9) deaths from Cancer and 16 (21) from Heart Disease.

The death rate per thousand of the population was 12.7 (12.1).

BUG__INFESTATION.

No cases were notified during the year.

SCABIES.

No cases were notified which could not be treated at home.

The incidence of scabies in 1948 was slight.

WATER__SUPPLY.

During the year chlorination has been continued both at the Spring Head and the Deep Well. At present a sufficient and wholesome supply is available throughout the City.

Water main extensions have been carried out on the new local authority and private enterprise housing schemes.

A scheme has been approved by the Ministry of Health for the provision of an additional borehole and pumping plant.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The consultant engineers of the Council are preparing the scheme for reconstruction of the Sewage Disposal Works on lines suggested by the Ministry of Health.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

(1) By Local Authority.

With state assistance	(a)	Rehousing under Housing Act, 1936.	Nil.
	(b)	Overcrowding.	Nil.
	(c)	Other.	36

Without state assistance.

(2) By Other Bodies or Persons.

(a)	With state assistance.	Nil.
(b)	Without state assistance.	2

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

(1)	1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	472
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	830
	2.	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	245
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	301
		(c)	Number of houses in which no action was found necessary.	125
	3.	(a)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	61
	4.		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	286
(11)		(a)	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority and their Officers.	215
		(b)	Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action.	Nil.
(111)	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during this year.</u>			
	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.			Nil.
	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.			Nil.

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act. Nil.

(1V) Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

The overcrowding situation in the City is not serious, but there were isolated cases which will receive attention when alternative accommodation is available.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

A weekly combined house refuse and salvage collection is carried out in the City.

HOUSING.

New Houses.

1. The total number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year:- 265.

2. Houses erected by:	Type.	No.	Av.cost per house.	Av.rent excl.of rates.	If subsidised. Subsidy per yr. L.A. Govt.		Period of Subsidy.
(a) I.A.	3 bed-room.	36	£1,350	13/-	£5.10.0.	£16.10.0.	60 yrs.
(b) Private Enter-prise.	3 bed-room.	1	£1,300				
	Bungalow.	1	£1,300				

3. Programme of new houses proposed to be erected by Local Authority:-


(a) 1949-50 44 1950-51 -- 1951-52 --

Any Observations:-

Future programme dependent on Ministry of Health sanction. The Council has approved a layout of Burcott Road for approximately 160 houses. Sanction has so far been recieve for 44 included above.

MILK SUPPLY.

(a) Total number of Registered Dairy Farms... .. 7
(b) Total number of Retailers... .. 6



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| (c) | Number of Producer-Retailers included in (b)... | ... | <u>1</u> |
| (d) | Number of Licensed pasteurised plants... | ... | <u>1</u> |
| (e) | Number of Heat-treatment plants not included in (d)... | | <u>Nil</u> |

MEAT SUPERVISION.

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|-----|---|-----|------------|
| (a) | Number of Licensed Slaughter Houses In District | ... | <u>4</u> |
| (b) | Number of Registered Slaughter Houses in District | ... | <u>5</u> |
| (c) | Names of any in use under Ministry of Food | ... | <u>Nil</u> |

RIVER POLLUTION.

Any cases dealt with during the year.	<u>Nil</u>
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KNACKERS YARDS.

Number registered in district.	<u>Nil</u>
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31st July, 1949.

A. Cecil Hincks.

Medical Officer of Health.

